

Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program which helps to reduce and eliminate the backlog of DNA samples and increase State and local DNA laboratory capacity.

I introduced legislation named after Debbie Smith in 2001. In 2004 this bill was signed into law and since that time, Congress has consistently shown its support for this valuable program. With this funding we help ensure that other rape survivors will not have to wait as long as Debbie did to put their assailant behind bars.

I want to acknowledge the funding in the bill for efforts to combat human trafficking. It is important that we protect the victims of the sex trade industry, and punish the predators that exploit them. While human trafficking is a problem in other countries, it is happening here in the United States too.

I also want to thank Chairman MOLLOHAN and Ranking Member FRELINGHUYSEN for their dedication to fully funding the Census Bureau's needs. As we head into the final two years before the decennial census in 2010, funding for the census is now more critical than ever. This bill fully funds the ramp-up to this constitutionally mandated survey, and restores the funding that the Bush administration cut for the decennial census partnership program. Partnerships are an essential component of the decennial census effort, enlisting local community leaders and organizations to partner with the Census Bureau to use existing community relationships to promote census participation.

Mr. MOLLOHAN and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN should also be commended for providing funds to once again continue the Survey of Income and Program Participation. Last year, the Bush administration proposed eliminating this survey, which is the only source of policy-relevant data on economic well-being and participation in government programs, and replacing it with a more limited survey a few years from now. After much discussion with members of Congress and the stakeholder community, the Administration came to the conclusion that their plan to replace the SIPP was not viable, and they changed course, advocating a continuation of the SIPP. While they had not requested enough money in the budget to do so, Mr. MOLLOHAN and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN came through to provide the necessary funds.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PIERRE'S ICE CREAM SHOP

#### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Pierre's Ice Cream Shop. Pierre's Ice Cream Company was founded in the Cleveland area and has been a family-owned business since 1932.

Pierre's founder, Alexander "Pierre" Basset was the inventor of the original recipe for their delicious gourmet ice cream. Three quarters of a century later, Pierre's Ice Cream Company continues to uphold a standard of excellence in customer service and quality products.

It did not take long for Sol Roth, the owner of the Cleveland based Royal Ice Cream

Company to recognize the value, uniqueness, and potential of Pierre's Ice Cream Shop. As time progressed, country clubs, restaurants, and other gourmet venues began marketing Pierre's brand of ice cream. In 1960, Roth acquired Pierre's Ice Cream Company and dedicated all of its resources to displaying and expanding its special recipe.

In 1979, Roth requested his daughter Shelley to assist him with the business. In 1991, Shelley Roth became the president and chief executive of the company, overseeing 125 employees, the production, and distribution of more than 235 kinds of ice cream, sherbet, sorbet, frozen yogurt, and novelties.

In 1995, Pierre's built a contemporary 40,000 square foot distribution center and 16,000 square foot office headquarters on the land it originally purchased in Cleveland, Ohio. Sol passed away in 2005; however, his daughter Shelley continues Pierre's outstanding legacy today.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District, I wish to commend Pierre's Ice Cream Company on their 75th anniversary. Their existence is a true testament to family values and dedication, and the continuing legacy of the American dream.

#### TRIBUTE TO KENNETH MYERS

#### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Kenneth Myers, a fellow Florida Legislator and outstanding attorney in the Miami community.

During Mr. Myers distinguished career in the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate, he displayed a dedication and commitment to strengthening the state of Florida. Serving 4 years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the State Senate, Mr. Myers sponsored more than 200 bills that strengthened Florida and our sense of social justice. He personified the essential qualities of a great community leader and earned his place among the pillars of our community.

Mr. Myers was a brilliant attorney and proudly practiced law with his father for over thirty years. When his father retired, he joined another distinguished law firm and continued with compassion his path for justice in our South Florida community. Mr. Myers' sincere involvement instilled a profound impact on the community, resulting in many awards, accolades and honors including a Coconut Grove park named in his honor.

Mr. Myers lived a stunning life, graduating from Miami High School in 1950 then pursuing higher education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He proceeded to the University of Florida, School of Law. Mr. Myers' devotion to education led him to serve as a member of the prestigious University of Miami Board of Trustees for 25 years.

Mr. Myers' is survived by his sister and my esteemed friend, the Jewish Community Relations Council Director Judy Gilbert-Gould and her husband, Gerald Gould. He is also survived by his nieces Nancy Gilbert, Carolyn Gilbert Epstein and Belinda Gilbert; his nephew Robert C. Gilbert, an officer of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation Board; Mark Gilbert,

and eight grandnephews and grandnieces. Mr. Myers was the son of the Federation's Founding President, Stanley C. Myers.

His Family and friends will memorialize him during a special service at Temple Beth Am on Tuesday July, 31 2007.

Kenneth Myers was a dedicated public servant and his leadership in the community was genuinely admirable. We would all be well served to emulate the legacy of achievement that Mr. Myers practiced throughout his lifetime. May his memory be blessed.

#### IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE HON. MYLAN ROBERT ENGEL, SR.

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Mobile County and, indeed, the entire state of Alabama, has lost a dear friend and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mylan Engel, a distinguished former State legislator, was a devoted family man while spending nearly 50 years of his life in the arena of public service. Mylan served in both the Alabama House of Representatives and the Alabama Senate from 1961 to 1970.

During his career in the legislature, Mr. Engel was the chairman of the Mobile County delegation for 4 years and served as the floor leader under three governors. During this time and in the years that followed, he also served as chief attorney for the Mobile County Personnel Board. He never fully retired from practicing law until he suffered a stroke about a year ago.

While a member of the Alabama Legislature, Mr. Engel sponsored countless bills that were later signed into law, but he is perhaps best known for his legislation to create the University of South Alabama in 1963. Mylan was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1963 to 1975, and he stepped down from the USA Foundation in June.

Mr. Engel grew up on a farm in rural Summerdale, Alabama, where he developed a work ethic rooted in his Christian faith and instilled in him by his parents.

Farming became his passion, and he continued to plant and harvest crops throughout his life. His family notes that Mr. Engel was known for giving away his new potatoes, corn, beans and watermelons. In addition, Mr. Engel was a 50-year member of the congregation at Grace Lutheran Church.

Mr. Engel, a graduate of the University of Alabama, was a distinguished veteran of World War II. He served in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant and long-time advocate for Mobile and south Alabama.

Mylan Engel, Sr., will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Rositha Engel; his four sons, Mylan R. Engel Jr., Mark Engel, Daniel Engel, and Tommy Whitman; his two daughters, Carla Meyers and Bonita Engel Amonett; his seven grandsons and two granddaughters—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.